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Amendments to the Specification:

Please delete the paragraph(s) starting on page 1, line 2 through line 6 and replace with the following replacement paragraph(s):

The invention relates to an acoustic structure applicable in conjunction with a speaker, which structure is dustproof and waterproof according to the IP 67 class of protection of the IEC/EN 60529 standard of the International Electrotechnical Commission, and which comprises, in the body of a device, two discrete, interconnected cavities for speaker means and isolating means. The invention also relates to a device employing the acoustic structure.

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